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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

FILED September 20, 2006

No. 06-1788 1:04-md-15863-JFM 1:05-cv-01674-JFM 3:04-cv-00372

IN RE: MUTUAL FUNDS INVESTMENT LITIGATION

IN RE: ALGER, COLUMBIA, JANUS, MFS, ONE GROUP, PUTNAM, and ALLIANZ DRESDNER

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 ${\tt MATTHEW}$  WIGGENHORN, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated

Plaintiff - Appellant

v.

AXA EQUITABLE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, formerly known as Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States

Defendant - Appellee

No. 06-1789 1:04-md-15863-JFM 1:04-cv-03944-JFM 3:04-cv-00373-MJR

IN RE: MUTUAL FUNDS INVESTMENT LITIGATION

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IN RE: ALGER, COLUMBIA, JANUS, MFS, ONE GROUP, PUTNAM, and ALLIANZ DRESDNER

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 ${\tt EDMUND}$  WOODBURY, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated

Plaintiff - Appellant

v.

NATIONWIDE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Defendant - Appellee

No. 06-1790 1:04-md-15863-JFM 1:04-cv-03943-JFM 3:04-cv-00328-MJR

IN RE: MUTUAL FUNDS INVESTMENT LITIGATION

IN RE: ALGER, COLUMBIA, JANUS, MFS, ONE GROUP, PUTNAM, and ALLIANZ DRESDNER  $\,$ 

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NIKITA MEHTA, as Trustee of the N.D. Mehta Living Trust, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated

Plaintiff - Appellant

V.

AIG SUNAMERICA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, formerly known as Anchor National Life Assurance Company

Defendant - Appellee

No. 06-2010 1:04-md-15863-JFM 1:05-cv-01086-JFM

IN RE: MUTUAL FUNDS INVESTMENT LITIGATION

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IN RE: ALGER, COLUMBIA, JANUS, MFS, ONE GROUP, PUTNAM, and ALLIANZ DRESDNER

PAULA BEALS

Plaintiff - Appellant

V.

THE VARIABLE ANNUITY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Defendant - Appellee

ORDER

The Court consolidates these cases for purposes of briefing and oral argument and directs that:

- 1. one joint brief shall be permitted per side;
- 2. the parties on each side shall share the time allowed for oral argument;
- each side shall notify the Court of the attorney designated as lead counsel within ten days of the date of this order.

For the Court - By Direction

/s/ Patricia S. Connor

CLERK